

Immunizations

Children must be immunized during medical checkups according to the EPSDT Routine Immunization Schedule by age and immunizing agent.

Buckeye requires all members under the age of 18 to be immunized by their PCP unless medically contraindicated or against parental religious beliefs.

Vaccines for Children (VFC)

The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federally-funded program. It supplies vaccines at no cost to public and private healthcare providers who enroll and agree to immunize eligible children in their medical practice or clinic. Buckeye PCPs are able to receive vaccines for immunizations free of charge through the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). You must be enrolled in the Ohio VFC Program and have a provider identification number (PIN) to order vaccines. If you are not enrolled, contact the Ohio Department of Health at 1-800-282-0546 for more information and to enroll.

For additional information about vaccines, vaccine supply, and contraindications for immunization, please visit the National Immunization Program Website at www.cdc.gov/nip or call the National Immunization Hotline at (800) 232-2522 (English) or (800) 232-0233 (Spanish).

Blood Lead Screening

Physicians are required to perform a blood lead screening test on all 12 and 24 month old Medicaid eligible children, (regardless of zip code or exposure to lead) as stated in the Ohio Medicaid Provider Handbook, Chapter 3336, p.38 and in the Ohio Administrative Code, Section 3701-32-05.